

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-4, 13-16 and 25-28 are allowed. Claims 5-12, 17-24 and 29-35 stand rejected.

The Examiner objected to the specification due to noted informalities. Applicants respectfully submit a replacement paragraph that addresses the noted informality. It is therefore respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

The Examiner has allowed claims 1-4, 13-16 and 25-28. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-4, 13-16 and 25-28 are allowed.

To place the case in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully cancel, without prejudice, claims 5-12, 17-24 and 29-35. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to prosecute cancelled subject matter in a subsequent continuing application. With no outstanding matters remaining in the case, Applicants respectfully submit that the case is in condition for allowance.

Should anything remain in order to place the present application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Please charge any required fees not paid herewith or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

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Respectfully submitted,



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